## **CLAIMS**

1. A method comprising:

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- determining that a lessee fails to qualify for credit in accordance with predetermined creditworthiness considerations;
- 5 providing insurance coverage to a lessor entering into a rental agreement with said lessee; and
  - responsive to said determining, requiring that said lessee bear a cost associated with said providing as a precondition for entering into said rental agreement.
- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising indemnifying said lessor if said lessee defaults on said rental agreement.
  - 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising confirming that said lessee satisfies criteria other than said creditworthiness considerations required for entering into said rental agreement.
  - 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising terminating said insurance coverage if said lessee does not default on said rental agreement for a predetermined duration.
  - 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising shifting to said lessor said cost associated with said providing if said lessee does not default on said rental agreement for a predetermined duration.
  - 6. The method of claim 2 wherein said indemnifying comprises reimbursing said lessor for fees due in accordance with said rental agreement.
    - 7. The method of claim 2 wherein said indemnifying comprises reimbursing said lessor for expenses associated with default of said rental agreement.
- A method of insuring a landlord against rent default comprising:
   determining whether a tenant satisfies predetermined creditworthiness
   considerations;
  - responsive to a negative result of said determining, providing insurance coverage to said landlord entering into a rental agreement with said tenant; and requiring that said tenant bear a cost associated with said providing as a precondition for entering into said rental agreement.
- 9. The method of claim 8 further comprising indemnifying said landlord if said rental agreement is breached for failure to pay rent.

- 10. The method of claim 8 further comprising confirming that said tenant satisfies criteria other than said creditworthiness considerations required for entering into said rental agreement.
- 11. The method of claim 8 further comprising terminating said insurance coverage if said rental agreement is not breached for a predetermined duration for failure to pay rent.

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- 12. The method of claim 8 further comprising shifting to said landlord said cost associated with said providing if said rental agreement is not breached for a predetermined duration for failure to pay rent.
- 13. The method of claim 9 wherein said indemnifying comprises reimbursing said landlord for unpaid rent due in accordance with said rental agreement.
  - 14. The method of claim 13 wherein said indemnifying further comprises reimbursing said landlord for expenses associated with collecting said unpaid rent.
  - 15. A method of insuring a landlord against rent default comprising:

    providing insurance coverage to said landlord entering into a rental agreement
    with a tenant who does not satisfy predetermined credit considerations; and
    allocating a cost of said providing to said tenant as a precondition for entering into
    said rental agreement.
  - 16. The method of claim 15 further comprising indemnifying said landlord if said rental agreement is breached for failure to pay rent.
- 20 17. The method of claim 15 further comprising reallocating to said landlord said cost of said providing if said rental agreement is not breached for a predetermined duration for failure to pay rent.
  - 18. The method of claim 16 wherein said indemnifying comprises reimbursing said landlord for unpaid rent due in accordance with said rental agreement.
- 25 19. The method of claim 18 wherein said indemnifying further comprises reimbursing said landlord for expenses associated with collecting said unpaid rent.